

SENATE BILL 685

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to visitation rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306(a), is amended by deleting the language and punctuation "; or" at the end of subdivision (5); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (6) and by substituting instead the language and punctuation "; or"; and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(7) The father or mother of an unmarried minor child is in the military, has been called to active duty and such active duty requires the father or mother to be out of the state for at least ninety (90) days.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 36-6-3__.

(a) The spouse of a father or mother who is in the military, has been called to active duty and such active duty requires such father or mother to be out of the state for at least ninety (90) days may petition to the appropriate court with jurisdiction where the petitioned child currently resides for a hearing for visitation with the minor unmarried child or children of such father or mother.

(b) The court may grant visitation rights if visitation rights would be in the best interest of the child and the father or mother who is called to active military duty is actually providing or contributing towards the support of the child or children.

(c) Such decree shall remain within the control of the court and be subject to such changes or modification as the exigencies of the case require.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.